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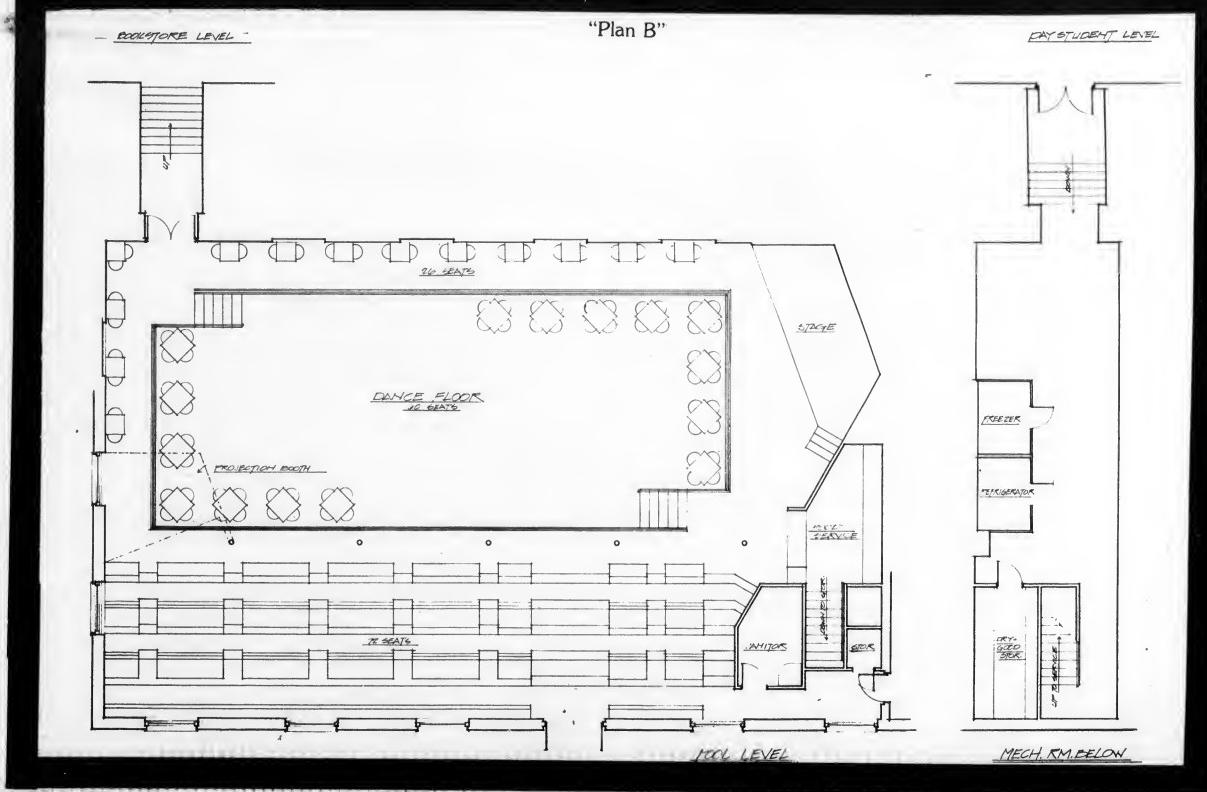
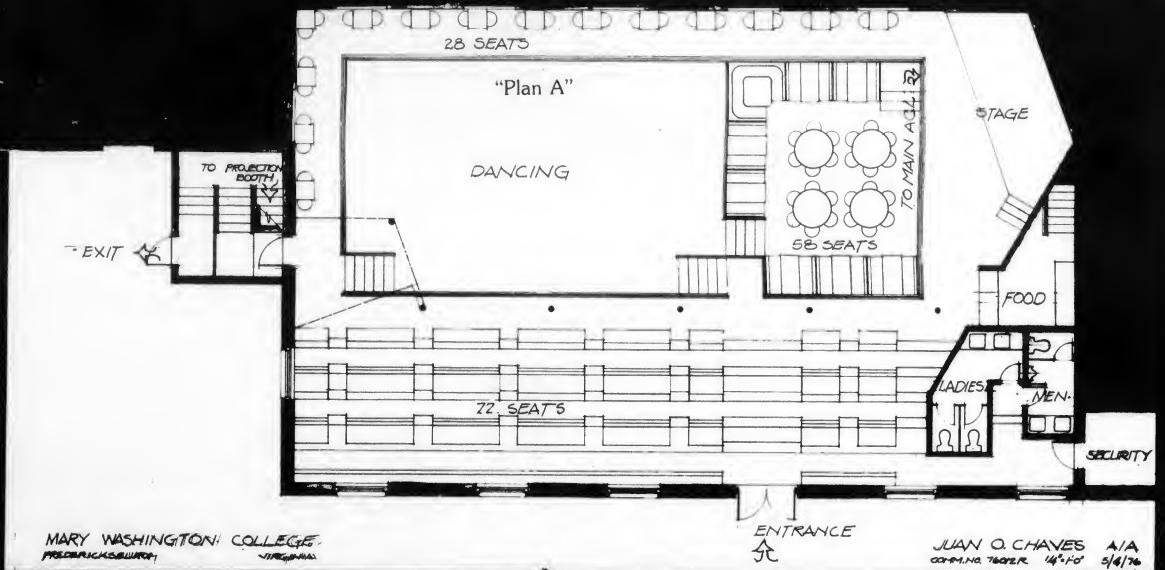
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Which Recreation Area? P.4

THE POOL ROOM



Student Body Selects Recreation Center

Information from Architect
Juan Chaves

The distinctive tile work surrounding the swimming pool would be retained and utilized to set the tone for the atmosphere to be provided. In Scheme A the pool itself would be divided into two levels, three and six feet below floor level, to accommodate respectively the dance area and a permanent seating area with access to main ACL and food service. In Scheme B, the entire pool area would be three feet below the surrounding floor level and be intended primarily for dancing.

The area presently occupied by the concrete seats to the front of the room would in both schemes be used as seating. Three rows of seats would be provided with the back of one row becoming the table of the next.

Additional seating can be provided for theatrical performances, speeches, class meetings and movies by setting up chairs in the area set aside for dancing in either scheme.

There will be an open student body meeting after fall break, in which students can ask questions and make suggestions concerning possibilities for the

pool area. President Prince B. Woodard, Comptroller Edward V. Allison Jr., Architect Juan O. Chaves, Student Association President Gwen Phillips and Class Council President Carolyn Alexander will be present at the meeting.

The area under the terrace in front of ACL is presently occupied by an unused swimming pool and several rows of concrete seats. The room is roughly 80x50 feet with the swimming pool itself being 60x20 feet.

It is the intention of the College to take the presently vacant space and provide a place where the college community can gather to relax or enjoy entertainment in a casual, informal atmosphere not now available on campus.

In order to study the feasibility of such a course of action a study was commissioned resulting in the two schemes for the poolroom in ACL. These are merely studies of possibilities and do not necessarily represent a final solution.



photo by Bill Leighy

LOBBYING AGAINST MARIJUANA DECRIMINALIZATION, conducting local polls and obtaining guest speakers are some of the objectives of Mary Washington College's new chapter of the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws.

MWC Establishes Campus NORML

Both schemes include a small stage, a projection booth, food service, dance floor and seating. They differ primarily in capacity and emphasis placed on the food aspect of the operation. Scheme A could accommodate up to 500 and B up to 750.

Legally marijuana is any part of the marijuana plant, except for sterile seeds and the stalks of the major plant. Hashish is marijuana. Hash oil is marijuana only if it contains less than 15 per cent tetra hydro-cannabinol.

In Virginia, the penalty for possession of marijuana is a fine up to \$1000 and a jail sentence up to 12 months. Possession of hash oil, or other drugs such as heroin and LSD warrants up to ten years in the penitentiary. The penalty for manufacturing marijuana, hashish or hash oil is from five to 40 years in the penitentiary and a fine of up to \$25,000. The penalty for sale or distribution of marijuana or hash oil is from five to 40 years in the penitentiary and a fine of up to \$25,000 — unless a person proves that he was giving away the drug or selling it for no profit, in which case the penalty is the same as that of possession. If a person 18 or over gives any drug, including marijuana to someone under 18 and at least three years younger than the donor, the penalty is a minimum sentence of ten years and a maximum sentence of 50 years and a fine of up to \$50,000. If a person is found guilty of possession of any drug and he's never been convicted of a drug related offense before, the judge may put him on probation. After the probationary period, the judge may dismiss the case.

the Study of Marijuana Laws (VSML), spoke at the meeting.

Lobbyists have made possible the exclusion of drug possession as grounds for legal wiretapping, the change of sharing marijuana from a felony to a misdemeanor. They have stopped attempts of search without warrant of suspicion and they have killed attempts to raise the maximum penalty for selling most drugs to life imprisonment.

MWC's NORML plans to contribute funds to the hiring of a professional lobbyist to go before the General Assembly. The organization hopes to conduct surveys concerning opinions on marijuana laws, show movies to the public such as "Reefer Madness," "Marijuana: Assassin of Youth" and "Marijuana: The New Prohibition," and hopes to get several speakers including John Zwerling, head of Virginia NORML.

"The biggest obstacle to pot law reform isn't the Congress in Washington, the State Legislature in Richmond or Judge Gouldman in Fredericksburg. The biggest obstacle is apathy," remarked Mello at the meeting. "So long as we continue to tolerate this prohibition, we will have it around our necks forever. But, when we let our opinions be known to our elected officials, these laws will change."

The next NORML meeting will be on Thursday, October 7 in ACL.

Mello commented that he had heard a lot of students did not attend the first NORML meeting for fear of harassment by the police or campus administrators.

"There is absolutely no evidence of any harassment of any member of NORML by any member of the administration," said Mello. He mentioned the progress he had made towards the decriminalization of marijuana by lobbying before the General Assembly since 1972.

For further information concerning membership in NORML, contact Mike Mello at extension 422.

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Lobby Investigates House Bill

The Student Lobby had its kick off meeting on Wednesday Sept. 15, under the autonomous leadership of Senate Whip Alas Schwalbe. The meeting opened with a reminiscence of Student Lobby attempts at MWC dating back to the first three years ago. Then it was just an idea. Last year under the guidance of Jan Bierrman the first true lobby group took shape. The committee did the best they could "without knowing what they were doing" and according to Schwalbe "learned from their mistakes."

Schwalbe intends to spend this year organizing an effective lobby group with hopes of becoming a credible, well known organization.

What is a lobby? By definition it is "a group of persons trying to influence public officials, especially legislators." It is an interest group with a special concern, who use lobbying methods to get what they desire. They do so by personal contact, publicity and to quote Schwalbe "a lot of noise." As students, interests include the curriculum, social restrictions, cost and any other things particular to this campus or the community of Fredericksburg.

The MWC Lobby has been

by Anne Meaney

divided into three groups under the direction of Schwalbe as Chairman and Roz York as Executive Co-ordinator. The first is the research committee headed by Jeanne Walker with Martha Moore and Alvin Wilson. They are responsible for learning what is going on in Richmond, what bills are being presented that concern the Lobby and to work up a case for or against these bills. They are also in charge of finding out the voting patterns of the delegates. The second committee is communications led by Daphne Forbes with Susan Maloney. They will do just that, communicate with the delegates by way of letters, media and explaining the Lobby's position. The third, and certainly not the least, is public relations run by Nina Bigger and Leslie Michele doing on and off campus publicity. Special assistant is Greg Gant, president of residential association. All committee chairmen were appointed by Schwalbe as he is the only elected official on the Lobby. All others are volunteers or have been shanghaied.

An ongoing interest of the Lobby is, of course, the budget.

This includes appropriation of funds for new sidewalks and new roofs on historical buildings. But the first real issue on which the lobby will test its strength is House Bill 547. If passed this bill will prohibit any student government to exact mandatory activities fees unless 40 per cent of the student body agrees to their collection. It will come up for a vote in Congress in February 1977, and the Lobby will be there.

This year's first meeting was not very well attended (due to the rain, apathy, or poor publicity). Schwalbe urges freshman and sophomores to take part in the Lobby efforts, for only then can it be self-perpetuating. More issues will be coming up during the year and help will be needed. He stresses that there is great potential in a strong student lobby, where the rights of students will be defined and defended. This year with its organization and apparent sureness a lot of things can happen. Yet students are reminded that it is a student lobby and needs their support and enthusiasm. Meetings will be held on every third Wednesday to keep the student body posted.



Philip Morris U.S.A. — Research Center

Philip Morris Announces Marketing, Competition

Philip Morris Incorporated has announced its eighth annual Marketing/Communications Competition for college students. It was also announced that the program has been expanded to accommodate a large increase in response from the academic community, evidenced by a doubling in the number of participating schools over the past two years.

This year Philip Morris will offer separate awards to graduate and undergraduate students, recognizing the varied degrees of training and levels of experience between the two.

A \$1,000 grant will be awarded to the winning committee in each division; runners up will receive \$500 grants, and other finalists in each category will receive special merit awards.

The purpose of the program is to provide students with a practical and realistic business project, bringing them into direct contact with the business community. Entries may deal with any aspect of the board area of marketing/communications related to Philip Morris Incorporated, its operating companies or any of its non-tobacco products.

Student chapters of professional societies, regular classes or ad hoc committees of no less than five students and a faculty advisor may submit proposals. They should include the purpose and objective of their program.

In addition to the grants, two student representatives and the faculty advisor from each of the winning and runner up committees will be invited to be Philip Morris' guests at corporate headquarters in New York or at another corporate location to discuss their proposals with Philip Morris executives.

A distinguished committee of marketing/communications experts will judge selected entries. They are: Eugene Kummel, chairman of the board, McCann Erickson; Mary Wells Lawrence, chairman of the board, Wells, Rich, Greene; Arjay Miller, dean, Stanford University Graduate School of Business; William Ruder, president, Ruder & Finn; and James Bowling, vice-president and director of corporate affairs, Philip Morris.

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For additional information, please contact Marketing/Communications Competition, Philip Morris Incorporated, 100 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10017.

Foundation Sponsors Fellowships

Inquiries about the Danforth Graduate Fellowships, to be awarded by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri in March 1977, are invited, according to local campus representative L.A. Wishner, assistant dean for instruction.

The fellowships are open to people who have serious interest in teaching careers in colleges and universities and who plan to study for a Ph.D. in any field common to the undergraduate liberal arts curriculum in the United States.

Approximately 60-65 fellowships will be awarded to seniors and recent graduates who are considered "Early Entry" applicants in the program. Another 35-40 awards will be made to postbaccalaureate persons who are called "Late Entry" applicants and who apply directly to the Foundation. Preference is given in the Early Entry component to persons under 30 years of age and in the Late Entry component to persons 30-40 years of age.

Applicants for the Early Entry awards may not have undertaken any graduate or professional study beyond the baccalaureate and must be nominated by Liaison Officers of their undergraduate institutions by November 15, 1976. The Danforth Foundation does not accept direct applications for the Early Entry Fellowships.

The Foundation is currently making a special effort to bring qualified persons from the racial and ethnic minorities into the profession of teaching. Approximately 25 per cent of the awards are expected to be given to American Blacks, Indians, Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans.

The Danforth Graduate Fellowship is a one-year award, but is normally renewable until completion of the advanced degree or for a

maximum of four years of graduate study. Fellowship stipends are based on individual need, but they will not exceed \$2,275 for single fellows and \$2,450 for married fellows for the academic year, plus dependency allowances for children. The fellowship also covers required tuition and fees.

The Danforth Foundation, established by the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth in 1927, is a national educational, philanthropic organization, dedicated to enhancing the

humane dimensions of life. Activities of the foundation emphasize the theme of improving the quality of teaching and learning. The foundation serves the following areas: higher education nationally through sponsorship of staff-administered programs; pre-collegiate education nationally through grant-making and program activities, and urban affairs in St. Louis through grant-making and program activities.

MWC Faculty Receive Doctorates

Four members of the Mary Washington College faculty have recently received their Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

Granted their doctorates where John Manolis, assistant professor of modern foreign languages; Bernard Lemoine, associate professor of music; John George, associate professor of chemistry and Timothy Jensen, assistant professor of religion.

Manolis, whose dissertation focused on the prose versions of a Sixteenth Century poem, *William of Palermo*, was granted his degree from Florida State University. received his degree from the University of Virginia.

Jensen, whose field is comparative religions, focused on the life and teaching of Ramakrishna, a Nineteenth Century Hindu teacher, and Gibson's Martin, Tokamine Guitars
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Editorial

Politician's Issue, Society's Problem

Abortion has become quite an issue this election year. And I guess it would be naive for me to expect such a serious moral question to be debated in any other setting than the double-talk war we are all stuck with. It seems the demand for Catholic votes is running high this year, and the price of high ranking bishops these days is just about driving some well deserving consumers to the pawn shop.

Whether abortion is right or wrong, I believe both sides could agree that the debate over abortion is a debate over values. Personally I see the issue as one relating to our society's whole definition of "life." However we answer, the question — "What is Life?" — will have a tremendous impact on the direction our society takes in the future.

With the advent of new technologies permitting gene manipulation, scientific experimentation on live fetuses, a medical capability to keep us alive longer, new questions about the basic problem "What is human life?" are inevitable. Is a fetus conceived artificially for scientific purposes 'human'? Will the old and weak ever become so much of an economic burden, that we finally stop supporting them or their right to live? Some of these types of questions are already being asked seriously. I suggest that as time passes, it will become even more imperative to find some answers to them.

To devalue the abortion issue in this 1976 campaign to a battle over who has the most ambiguous compromise, is to fool ourselves into ignoring the far-reaching effects our decisions in this area will have on future generations.

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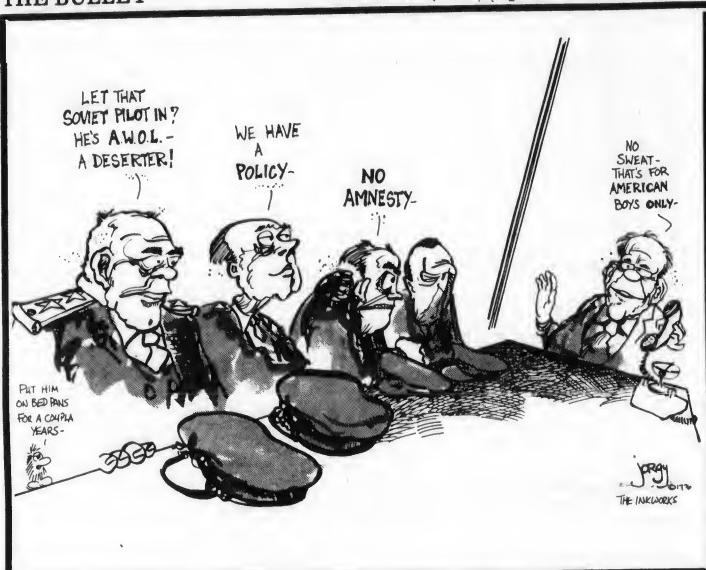
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MWC Judicial System Demands Student Support

by Phyllis Quinn

MWC Judicial Chairman

The judicial system at MWC within the past three years has changed drastically. We have gone from a system of individual dorm trials to the present system of one judicial body for the entire campus. But, where do we go from here? Our system is not perfect or flawless. As it is now, the responsibility lies on the chosen few who are delegated the power to enforce the rules. These elected officers do not shy away from their responsibility but the system leaves them handicapped to deal with the problems in a realistic and fair manner.

The rules we live under receive their legitimacy

through consent not authority. We as students must recognize our individual responsibilities to make the system work. It is by accepting these responsibilities that all can enjoy the privileges and rights which accompany them.

Many students wonder "what are my rights and how can I exercise them to my best advantage?" MWC students enjoy all the rights and privileges that we as citizens of the United States may enjoy. We have the right to question and search for the truth not only because of our unique honor system, but also because we live in an academic atmosphere where everything should be questioned. We have the right to structure our lifestyle to please ourselves as long as we do not

interfere with the chosen lifestyles of those around us.

This brings up an important aspect which students tend to forget. Everyone loves a good party, but when dealing with large crowds some controls must be set. In Virginia, it is against the law to drink in a public area. Therefore, to comply with the state law, we must either stay in our rooms or go through a simple procedure to have the entire hall declared private.

Another aspect of concern deals with visitation regulations. We have the right to organize our personal lives but guidelines must be present for any group living situation to operate efficiently. One may not regard the rules as fair or viable. But it is up to the students to search for a system to which all can consent and that seems the intended purpose. Yes, our judicial system may have some faults, but it is what we have to work with until we can develop something more practical.

So let's not gripe about what we don't have. This year let's try instead to work with and improve our present judicial system. We don't have to spend our time criticizing, but instead use our efforts to make useful suggestions which will help us all move forward together.

National Campus News

The American College and University Service Bureau's director Dr. Robert J. Boileau says, "millions of dollars originally set up in foundations to aid students in varied fields of higher education goes untouched each year. Qualified students do not know of the funds and in many cases have never heard of the foundation or foundations. Hundreds of foundations have been set up at the request of some now deceased well-meaning person or persons with direction that among the foundation's purposes is or shall be to aid and assist men and women in all fields of higher education. There are now and have been administrators of these foundations who find security in their position as administrator or director to play down the paying out of funds in fellowship or scholarship grants thus insuring to themselves a nice fat annual fee to administrate a do nothing foundation." Dr. Boileau further stated, "It is the Bureau's hope to make contact with many qualified students and to put many foundations on notice that their aid will be requested by worthy students and that failure on the part of foundations to meet their obligations will result in a loss of funds."

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader has accused the Educational Testing Service of publishing examinations that often limit a student's achievement. ETS examinations, such as the GRE, restrict a student's career choice and are responsible for misallocated professional talent, because a student's test scores may keep him out of graduate or professional school.

Nader also mentioned that the GRE was unable to measure imagination, idealism or determination.

Personal

TRAILBLAZERS OF MADISON: Is your desire to cut a path through Ball Circle to get to your dorm an act of power and male supremacy or a fondness for raising your legs?

ANON

News Briefs

The Dance Department will present eight student works on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Goolrick the dance studios of Goolrick Hall. Each dance is directed and created by a member of the choreography class taught by Assistant Professor Kathleen Hartly. The dances will range from a romantic duet to a lively group dance. They will vary in musical styles from contemporary to classical.

PACE exam applications are now available at the Placement Office in ACL.

*Backfire***NORML Supports Irrational Position**

Dear Editor:

The article by Michael Mello dealing with the decriminalization of marijuana (*The Bullet*, Sept. 13) deserves comment.

In discussing the positions of the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws (NORML) Michael Mello emphasizes the point that "the right to use it (marijuana) is considered consistent with traditional American values of personal choice, individual freedom and the right of privacy." How true! But then he goes on to demonstrate how NORML throws these traditional values out of the window by making specific recommendations which obliterate individual freedom.

NORML wishes to be free to express itself concerning drugs, but advocates censorship for others. For example, NORML wishes to be free to implement a public education campaign to warn users and potential users about the risks involved with the use of all "recreational" drugs. But NORML also wishes to eliminate the individual freedom of those who might choose to express a counter view ("advertising which encourages the recreational use of drugs should not be permitted").

In a free country one does not censor ideas with which one might not agree. One does not say it is O.K. to advertise if one is discouraging the use of drugs, but no O.K. if one is encouraging their use. Such an action is contradictory and obviously eliminates individual freedom.

NORML is also advocating the decriminalization of marijuana use, but does not wish to make the commercial production and selling of marijuana legal. In other words, it is saying that it should be all right to use it, but not to sell it for a profit. NORML suggests that people grow their own "small" (a nebulous term) amounts of marijuana for personal use and either give some to friends or exchange it for an "insignificant consideration" (whatever that means — perhaps sexual favors?).

But in a free country one does not obliterate the individual freedom of anyone to produce (grow), sell or use any item he or she may wish. It doesn't matter whether one is producing milk, soap, coffee or marijuana. One is either free to produce, sell and use something, or one is not. What NORML is advocating is prohibition as regards to alcohol. Let us have no more of it with other drugs.

NORML's position on mari-

juana and other drugs is irrational (abnormal?) and untenable. But fortunately, there is a new organization that does have the right idea concerning drugs. This organization is the Libertarian Party. Just four years old, the Libertarian Party is already established in all 50 states and will be on the ballot in about 40 states come November. The 1976 Libertarian Party platform, under the category Victimless Crime, calls for "the repeal of all laws prohibiting the cultivation, sale, possession, or use of drugs, and all medical prescription requirements for the purchase of drugs, vitamins, and similar substances."

Fortunately, the Libertarian Party knows what individual freedom is all about, but alas, the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws most assuredly does not.

Thomas Johnson
Professor of Biology

Class Council Comment

Dear Editor:

A few comments on the "Photo Comment" in the September 13th issue of *The Bullet*. The caption under the picture of a bus reads as follows:

"Because of the College's attempt to provide exciting weekend activities, including current motion pictures, the bus station has become a major leading student hangout. Quite a few Mary Washingtonians may be seen leaving town."

This is an unfair remark when one looks at the past weekends. The first weekend, where freshmen were the major portion of the campus population, the movie was "Funny Girl." Granted this is not a box office smash at the current time, but it is a fairly recent flick that stars decent entertainers. Upperclassmen can complain that they had seen this movie before on campus but the movie was not meant for them. The first weekend in September, there was a mixer for new students on Saturday night. Once again upperclassmen cannot complain because this event applied to them at one time. Anyway, the movie that night was "The Candidate" with Robert Redford! The second weekend in September was geared to all students. The movie "The Count of Monte Cristo" starring Richard Chamberlain was shown on

Friday night so as not to conflict with the block party on Saturday night. The block party was free and from the looks of the large crowd in attendance, it seemed that everyone enjoyed it.

Maybe the "Photo Comment" was intended to be a joke, but in the event that it was not, I criticize whomever put it in. Everyone is entitled to his own opinions, but first the facts should be reviewed. I wonder if this person even knows who sponsors these activities.

Evidently not as he refers to them as "the College." It is not "the College" that sponsors these events. Rather, the Office of Student Activities, which is under the Office of the Dean of Student Services, provides the campus with weekly movies and also puts on the mixers. Class Council is the force behind the block and keg parties. So at least from now on I hope this person directs his criticism or hopefully his helpful comments to the right places. I do hope that they read the *College Bulletin* to see the schedule of coming events. As a point of interest to the people who feel as this person does, there has been something going on every weekend we have been here and there will be something going on every weekend until fall break. So why not stick around and see what's happening on your campus before packing your bags and grabbing the first bus out of here? You might surprise yourself and others by actually enjoying a weekend at Mary Washington!

Carolyn Alexander
President
Class Council

News Brief

MADISON COLLEGE AND VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY are the only two Virginia public institutions of higher learning that utilize their classroom and laboratory space more than 100 per cent of these space usage guidelines established by the State Council on Higher Education.

The council said this could be indicative of crowding, exceptional use of available space or both factors.

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CALIFORNIA: Request a ballot from your county clerk by October 26. Return the ballot before the polls close November 2.

CONNECTICUT: Write your town or city clerk's office by November 1 for a ballot application. Return the ballot so it is received by 7 p.m. November 2.

DELAWARE: Request a ballot from your home county elections department. Have it notarized and return so it is received by noon November 2.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Request a ballot from the board of elections and ethics by October 18. Return it so it is received by 8 p.m. November 2.

FLORIDA: Write your county election supervisor between September 18 and November 1 for a ballot application. Have the ballot signed by 2 witnesses and return so it is received by 7 p.m. November 2.

GEORGIA: Request an application form from your county registrar. No ballots will be mailed beyond 300 miles after October 27 or anywhere after October 31.

MASSACHUSETTS: Request a ballot from your local election commissioner or town clerk by noon November 1. Have the ballot notarized or signed by school registrar and return it so it is received by 8 p.m. November 2.

MARYLAND: Request a ballot from your local election board by October 26. Return the ballot by 8 p.m. November 2.

NEW JERSEY: Request a ballot from your county clerk by October 26. Return the ballot so it is received by November 2.

PENNSYLVANIA: Absentee registration is available. Contact your county registration commission. The application must be notarized and may be returned with the absentee ballot itself.

RHODE ISLAND: Absentee registration is available. Contact your home board of canvasses for an application. Have the form notarized and return by October 2.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Absentee registration is available. Contact your county board of registration by October 2.

TENNESSEE: Absentee registration is available. Contact your home city or town election commissioner for an application. Have it notarized or signed by another registered voter of Tennessee and return by October 2.

VIRGINIA: There is no absentee registration except for voting for President. Apply to your home county or city registrar by October 2.

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Profile on President Woodard

by Eleanor Jones — assisted by

Bullet: As former director of the Virginia State Council of Higher Education and Professor at Temple University, what is your basic educational philosophy and how are you incorporating it here?

Woodard: Let me start out by saying that in talking to you on the phone, it was my understanding that we were going to discuss what my plans were for MWC this year. To ask somebody what their educational philosophy is, is to suggest you want a response. Are you prepared for a lengthy response? I have an excellent education philosophy. In relation to what aspect of education?

Bullet: In relation to a liberal arts college.

Woodard: Well, I'm sure that my philosophy first off is that a liberal arts education is a basic education that should and must be preserved in the American scene to me. And I'm sure that as a background I view it as a preparation for one's full enjoyment of life and success in life is measured by this contribution that he might make to society.

I think that a liberal arts education be such that one develops traits such as a very inquiring mind, such as the ability to make rational decisions, to always seek sufficient or as much knowledge as is obtainable in order to make wise decisions. There are many aspects about a liberal arts education that I feel merit very serious and continuing review. And that is a changing society in which we live, the elements that an institution of our education offers at one point in time as a part of our liberal arts offering, may not be appropriate for all times. I do not think that a liberal arts institution can do the best possible job of providing a liberal education for the students, unless the institution itself is willing to keep its scope of offerings, its procedures and its policies under continual review. And as it relates to Mary Washington, this is a commitment that I have and that I have made to the students, the faculty and to the Board of Visitors, the governing body. And that is that we shall try to always be continually alert to what might be needing changes in both the elements that we offer in the program and the way we offer it.

Simpson

Bullet: An article in the July 2, 1974 issue of *The Free Lance-Star* mentioned that you expected to consult frequently with your successor Grellet Simpson concerning administrative policies. On what issues have you consulted him on thus far?

Woodard: I have no plans to consult him on issues at all. I have talked with President Simpson on occasions after my arrival here just getting background information in relation to a number of items and particularly I was trying to become familiar with what had

been going on at the College. I feel that now, having been here two years, I have either developed very good background, or, at least know within the institution where sources are that can provide any additional background on anything that might come up for consideration.

Bullet: You said that you did not consult him on issues?

Woodard: No, I did not say that at all. I said that I had talked with him on a number of matters.

Bullet: What specific matters?

Woodard: I don't know that I care to discuss them. I really don't think that it's anyone's concern, but mine and Dr. Simpson's.

Bullet: The *Richmond Times Dispatch* of July 7, 1974 quotes you as saying, "Dr. Simpson was a good president. I think one only needs both to look at this institution and talk to faculty and students to see that he was held in high esteem and I would like to feel that many years from now, when I reach retirement age, that my tenure in my own style, would be as successful as his was in his style." Dr. Woodard, exactly what is your 'style'?

Woodard: I would say my style is the way in which I administer the institution.

Bullet: Do you believe that you have the same degree of rapport with the students and faculty members that Simpson once had?

Woodard: Well, I have no idea, because I'm not here when Dr. Simpson was, but I like to think that I have a very fine rapport with students and faculty or a certain degree of it. And from all I've ever heard I believe Dr. Simpson had an excellent rapport. You ask an impossible question, because I was obviously not here during the regime of President Simpson.

Bullet: Then, do you believe that you have the same degree of rapport with students and faculty members as Simpson once had?

Woodard: I've answered this question. You don't try to measure something if you don't know the specificity of it. I don't know what 'degree' he had. He was held in high regard and I think I'm held in high regard.

Bullet: What do you feel is your major obligation to the students of MWC for the present school year?

Woodard: My major obligation to the students of MWC for the present year is no different from my major obligation to the students in the two other years that I've been here and the future years, and that is to do everything that I possibly can to see that Mary Washington remains and continues to be an outstanding, undergraduate high quality college, which is what the Board of Visitors expects, is what I'm dedicated to, have been, and continue to be.

Bullet: Seeing that Mary Washington is a predominantly women's college, what are your

opinions of the E.R.A.?

Woodard: I don't know why my opinions as they relate to the E.R.A. are related to a girl's school. I don't see the connection between the two.

ERA

Bullet: Well, women like minorities are discriminated against as far as many democratic rights are concerned. What are your opinions of the E.R.A.?

Woodard: I have mixed opinions about it.

Bullet: Would you like to share them with us?

Woodard: No.

Bullet: An article in the July 7, 1974 *Times-Dispatch* mentioned you saying, "Students are much more worldly in their views than they were. Therefore, I think it just makes sense that the rules and regulations under which they operate reflect this." How have you assisted in making rules and regulations at Mary Washington reflect increasing student maturity?

Woodard: The things that cross the top of my head very quickly are these: one, we have co-ed residence halls, which did not exist when I came to the college. I think this is a very clear indication of the administration of the institution and the Board, reflecting a belief in the maturity of the students to solve their own problems on an experimental basis. It proved successful as many of us thought it would — it has now gone to two residence halls — I think as it relates to the various activities that I have been asked about as to the responses arising through the Student Association. They have all been given extremely careful consideration and I believe if I went back and tried to recall them, the large majority of them have been implemented.

Bullet: Would or wouldn't 23-hour visitation be an indication of student maturity?

Woodard: I don't think it relates to student maturity whatsoever.

Bullet: What does it relate to?

Woodard: It relates to the fact that the Board of Visitors of the College and the president of the college do not favor Mary Washington College operating with that type of lifestyle, and this has been communicated as a policy of the Board of Visitors. It is a policy that the board is going to adhere to particularly because no student is required to live at the college, and that every student has perfect freedom to determine his or her own lifestyle. But in terms of the way the college was physically constructed, in terms of the way the college is managed, in terms of resources, referring to the college police that we have, in terms of the way we invest money and the way the college is perceived as an institution of higher education, it is not with the best interests for a change in the visitation policy over what it is at the present time.

Bullet: Seeing that Mary Washington is a predominantly women's college, what are your

Bullet: Do you approve of a non-traditional degree program here which will cater mostly to older non-residential students?

Non-traditional Degree

Woodard: I certainly very much approve of the concept of the non-traditional degree. I have so stated on numerous occasions. What specific proposal may be developed and agreed upon by the faculty here, one would have to see. But in terms of a proposal that the committee has drawn up, it has many fine elements in it. I don't think that there's a single way to approach the non-traditional degree.

Bullet: With the new Bachelor of Arts in Special Studies, in what ways if any would our functions be overlapping with Germanna and nearby community colleges?

Woodard: No — no community college in the state of Virginia can award a bachelor's degree. A community college can only offer as a maximum, two years of college work. No decision has been made. If there is a non-traditional degree here, then it will be a bachelor of arts, but I don't know whether by title, that proposal will be accepted or not.

Bullet: The proposal for this degree mentions that the college is obligated to the central Virginia consortium. Exactly, what is your obligation to the consortium?

Woodard: The state is divided into consortium regions and we are in the central Virginia consortium. Our obligation to that consortium is to provide an opportunity for an adult citizen to obtain a bachelor's degree, or to poll categorically to that consortium that we are not going to do it. The consortium that we have has asked that we do it. So we have an obligation to perform, or to say categorically that we're not going to perform.

Bullet: So, the degree benefits the adults and non-residential students in particular.

Woodard: Yes, it's aimed at the adult. It is not aimed for the typical college age and the idea is that it would allow people who for whatever reason did not complete a bachelor's degree, and who find either for their own self-improvement of self-satisfaction, or their mobility up the employment level that they may want a degree to obtain it in a more flexible delivery system. As I see it we're not talking about a whole lot of difference in the content, but in terms of the delivery system: as to when classes may be offered, as to the transferability of various kinds of credit, and the maximum use of testing for credit by examination. It's been shown by college after college around the country that in testing, many adults have learned a great deal through their experiences.

Bullet: You are obviously very concerned about MWC's relations with the town. What community activities, particularly civic activities, are you involved in?

Woodard: I'm on the Bicentennial Commission, the Special Events Committee, the Fredericksburg Area Chamber of Commerce Board and the Board of the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Religious Freedom.

Bullet: The Board of Visitors came here last weekend. Why was no notice placed in the college *Bulletin* and no release sent to the campus newspaper?

Woodard: As far as I understand it, the campus newspaper, if you're referring to *The Bullet*, if anything I thought it was the responsibility of a newspaper to seek news.

Bullet: We receive a good deal of our information from the Office of Information Services here. This office prints up the bulletin. Obviously, they didn't have that information.

Woodard: I don't think that's probably correct. They probably did have that information. The meeting of the Board of Visitors, as is well known, meets every September, November, February and April and has been doing that before I came and there's been no change in it.

Bullet: When is the next date of the meetings so I'll be sure to have someone cover them.

Woodard: You can't attend the meetings of the Board, because they're not open. But, I have to look on my calendar. It's the second Saturday in November.

I think this will be a very fine idea. In fact, one of the things I want to talk with you about before this interview is over is my feeling that responsible journalism as I was delighted to see that you all had taken a statement on in your paper should have along with it the responsibility of seeking data and facts rather than commenting without background.

Bullet: We do seek data and fact. That's how we knew that the Board of Visitors had their meeting. If we had to wait for information to come to us, we never would have known.

Journalism

Woodard: I'm really referring to your editorial in the paper here. It's filled with "I wonder why" and nobody has asked me a question about this at all. Nobody from the *Bullet* has come and asked any of this . . . You're avoiding my question. I want to know if you seek out the facts in responsible journalism, why not seek information before you write articles.

Bullet: What articles have we written without seeking information?

Woodard: I'm referring to this. I have a quote from this.

Bullet: Is that an editorial? An editorial is not a news article. Anyone who knows anything about responsible journalism should realize that.

An Interview

—
sted by Susi Ramzy—

In your welcoming address to the leadership conference, you said you were more concerned with beauty than with policies during summer vacation. Was or was not the building and grounds committee of the Board of Visitors consulted before your summer beautification project?

Woodard: Consulted? The Board of Visitors Committee on Buildings and Grounds is consulted about everything that goes on in buildings and grounds.

Bullet: Were they consulted about the chained fences?

Woodard: What do you mean by consulted?

Expenditures

Bullet: Were they informed of the cost of that project before you began it?

Woodard: It was discussed with the chairman of the committee. Yes. All matters pertaining to buildings and grounds that require policy are discussed. As a part of the administration, the president is delegated responsibility. I don't have to go to ask the Board of Visitors about making administrative decisions as to the policy of campus beautification. Whether we chose to put a chain up at this place or some other place, or whether we decided to put up twenty trees or ten trees is not a board decision.

Bullet: So you alone can make the entire decision?

Woodard: No, I did not say me alone. I said administration. But, the board makes policies. The board is delegated to the president. We've had many discussions on this. The Board of Visitors, particularly that committee, expressed concern about the lack of beauty on the campus last spring and they urged me to do everything I could do to try to restore the beauty. I don't presume anyone objects to the fact that the campus is beautiful.

Bullet: Does Mary Washington have vacant land holdings or unused properties?

Woodard: I guess it depends on how you look at it. The last meeting of the board charged the administration with making a study of all the land holdings of the college as to their present use and if the administration determined however they were being used at the present was not in demand or essential to the instructional or service programs of the college, to come up with suggestions to the board as to what might be done.

It depends on how you view it. The golf course out here, for instance. Is it used or isn't it used? Well, there are people on it practically everyday when it's not raining. But in terms of how much use makes it valuable is a subjective judgment. The Trench Hill property — the building is in full use right now, but it is rented out. It's not being used by Mary Washington College.

So, I'll have to answer your question: surely, there are pieces of property around that

have limited use and whether they can be more efficiently used or something else ought to be done with them is the question.

We are beginning to think about how to tackle that problem.

Bullet: What MWC landholdings or properties have been recently sold?

Woodard: The Spotswood House across the way, which was a question of use. It was determined that the alumni house, the alumni headquarters could be adequately cared for in a house on the same side of the street as the college.

Bullet: In the July 2, 1974 Free Lance-Star, an article mentions that you said you'd like to see continued raises for professors. What was the percent of salary increase for 1975-76?

Woodard: I think it's important that this be on the record, I want to repeat again that I sought to find out from you before you came what it was you wanted to talk about. I asked that question. You told me that you wanted to talk about my plans for Mary Washington College this year. Now, I would be more than pleased to let you have the specific data, but I really do not appreciate being put in a position in an interview in which I am asked questions unrelated to the purpose of the interview and then because I do not recall figures. I've never made an effort to try to, because I don't have that kind of memory device.

Bullet: Was there a definite increase in faculty salaries for the 1975-76 school year?

Woodard: There's been an increase in faculty salaries every year that I've been here. I ought to know.

Bullet: Is or isn't Mary Washington College the only state-supported institution of higher learning without a registrar?

Woodard: I have no idea. The function of registration is being carried on of course as it always has been.

Vice Presidents

Bullet: The College has never had the need for two vice presidents before. Why is there a need for two vice presidents this year?

Woodard: We must have, we must move into a concept of management planning. The concept of management planning and a base of statistical data and information. We have not upgraded our data at Mary Washington College, because we've had little human resources, nor have we had the technological resources, talking about computer resources. The requirements from external sources at the state level the State Council of Higher Education, the Office of Planning and Budget, legislative committees and others necessitate us to be in a better position to respond to many requirements for data analysis about the college than ever before.

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they're going to appropriate will prevent salary increases for state employees.

Bullet: An article in the Richmond News Leader of February 11, 1974 said that in 1974 there was a controversial report from Donald Shaner and Associates to the General Assembly that contended that many of Virginia's public colleges had overbuilt facilities in the past decade. "Certainly Mary Washington has not had a mass building program," you said in discussing your post with the Board of Visitors. The article continues commenting that you thought the priorities would be more on improving the college's financial status than on building new facilities. With the current financial problems and consequential loss of faculty members, how do you account for all the money going into building and renovating recreational facilities? Is it because separate funds are allocated for various projects?

Expenses

Woodard: Yes. Of course, I don't consider these as building really new facilities. That Shaner report had to do with structures in terms of too many classrooms for the number of students that are enrolled. The concept here is to try to meet a need that has been evidenced to me by students and by faculty of expanded recreational opportunities; for instance, the tennis courts have long been labeled as a major weakness of the college, both in the number and how they're laid out. We have only a limited playing field down here. The students' recreation area entertainment facility that might emerge from the old swimming pool area again is one that's trying to provide more enjoyable, more flexible social location than we have at the present time. I think everybody recognizes the fact that the Ballroom is hardly a good place to have keg parties . . . It has certain inherent limitations and dangers in terms of its location. So, those are renovation type things rather than add-ons in terms of new structures.

Bullet: As far as the financial situation is concerned, do you think more students would apply to Mary Washington College if the school added more business courses?

Woodard: I don't really think so. I think if you did that you would really be changing basically the primary mission of Mary Washington. While you may pick up some students of whatever it is you add, I think you'd lose those that come primarily for the liberal arts part. So, I don't see us going in that direction at all. I think there would be a number of people who would come to take the business degree particularly around this area, but I would also feel that we would lose the unique characteristic of Mary Washington if that enrollment got high and I think we'd lose students who select Mary Washington for what it is now. There's been no such consideration of this given to my knowledge by either the faculty or the board and certainly the administration has not considered this.

Board of Regents. The new vice president was also on that board. Did you meet one another in West Virginia?

Woodard: He was director of management information systems for the West Virginia Board of Regents. I met him in Richmond, Virginia.

Bullet: What do you consider the most pressing problem of an academic nature at Mary Washington and how do you plan to handle it?

Woodard: Well I would say the most pressing problem academically is the matter of faculty salaries. In fact, I would put that overall as the most pressing problem, unless we can pay our faculty salaries commensurate with other outstanding institutions. We cannot hope for the long haul to continue to maintain the outstanding faculty we have or for those who will stay, because of a real commitment to Mary Washington we are doing them a gross injustice.

Bullet: Do you plan to have salary increases for 1977?

Woodard: The whole matter about salary increases rests in terms of what the legislature appropriates in Richmond. We can't control that in terms of the plan. For instance, Mary Washington is no different from any other college right now in this regard. The legislature in passing the budget, dividing the budget has no money in it for salary increases for any personnel in the state for the next year, whether institutions of higher education, highway department or what. So the upcoming legislative session in January 1977 will be crucial because they will have to determine what if any of their money

is to be used for faculty salaries.

Bullet: Were they functions which Mr. Merchant was capable of conducting?

Woodard: Oh, I think Mr. Merchant would be capable of doing most anything for Mary Washington College. The point is how much can he do.

Bullet: Exactly what are vice president Merchant's functions now?

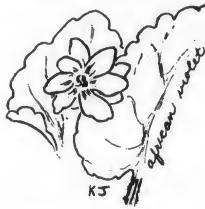
Woodard: Mr. Merchant's functions really remain the same as they have been in the past. With one exception of putting institutional research under the new vice president.

Bullet: You were once chancellor of the West Virginia

Campus Greenthumb

by Barbara DiGiocomo

African violets are lush flowering plants very common in indoor gardens. Leaves usually grow close to the soil level, and come in a variety of shapes and shades. They may be round or long, and range in color from light green to dark green. In some varieties foliage has a pinkish tint. Blossoms are usually numerous and vary in color from white to purple, pink to deep rosette, depending on the type. What is interesting about African Violets is their strange mutability; often their growth pattern and leaf characteristics vary according to their environment.



Plants grow well in a south or west window, but direct sunlight should be avoided. It is also a good idea to keep newly transplanted plants in dim light. Give blossoming plants more light.

The ideal temperature for these plants is between 65 and 70 degrees. They like higher

temperatures only when the humidity is high. Misting is helpful, but chilling the plant by using cold water or putting the plant in the sun before the water has dried off could be harmful. African violets could be sensitive to chill, so it is a good idea to keep them away from drafts during the colder months of the year. Water when the soil begins to look dry. Soil should never be soggy.

Put the African violet flowers in a pot no smaller than two and a half inches. Anything larger than four and a half inches should be reserved for only the larger varieties. A three and a half inch pot is probably a good suggestion for most plants. Pots should have good drainage: holes at the base and a layer of rocks just below the soil line.

They like loose soil, but will accommodate acidity or moderate alkalinity. Special African violet mixtures are available commercially. Fertilizer is not essential, but is helpful.

Plantings can be propagated by separating large plants or rooting a leaf cutting in soil or water. When rooted in soil, shoots usually begin to pop up at the base of the stem, and it does not take long to develop a good size plant.

African violets may be sensitive to some extreme conditions, but given steady attention they should do well in any room as long as they are kept away from drafty windows and get the proper sunlight.

Now, I think maybe one other thing ought to be said and that is when we talk about the non-traditional and continuing education, we are talking about supplements to the present program basically at times in which the instructional facilities are not being used by the residential population. I don't ever see this non-traditional continuing education type thing ever having an excessively large number involved. But, it does permit a service function for the area that cannot be met by these citizens any other way.

Bullet: A news article in the February 1974 *Free Lance-Star* mentions that according to an education writer of the *Charleston Daily Mail*, your West Virginia "tight management" policies made you a "very controversial figure." The education writer said, "Some people felt that he (Woodard) and the board of regents did not consult others enough in making their decisions. Some thought it was a dictator sort of thing."

Do you or do you not feel that your policies here make you a controversial figure?

Woodard: I'm sure I'm not a controversial figure here. Also I'd like to go back and make a comment on that since you bring it up. I had never heard of the person that was quoted from the paper in Charleston. Now, I later tried to discover

who the person was. I believe it was a person who'd just come on the scene. I would like for you to know, because I'm afraid that maybe you wouldn't know, that during my tenure in Charleston, West Virginia with the board of regents which, of course, was entirely different from being a college president.

It was the governing board for all the colleges. At my recommendation, there was established an advisory council of students in which the president of the student body of every institution was a member. The state had 15 of them meet with me once a month to discuss student issues on the various campuses. I believe I am correct in saying that was the only such organization on a statewide basis that existed in the country at that time, just as we had an advisory council of faculty made up the same way. So, I'm afraid in fact many people in West Virginia were sort of astounded to hear that comment. I'm afraid the comment at best was grossly inaccurate.

Bullet: February 1974 papers from Staunton and Culpeper covering the Board of Visitors decision to name you President also mentioned that a group of students from Concord College in West Virginia sent letters to the governor and placed newspaper ads saying the regent had "backed the chancellor (Woodard) in a display of ruthless and ar-

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The Bookworm Haley Traces Ancestry To Mondinkan Tribe

by Eleanor Jones

Roots

Alex Haley

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Roots, Alex Haley's search for his black identity, is a historical romance, made possible because of the author's innovative imagination and a great deal of his own perspiration.

Novelist Haley has spent the past twelve years tracing his ancestry back seven generations and across three continents to a village in Gambia, West Africa. He has rummaged through census listings, ship records that documented his ancestor Kunta Kinte's arrival at Annapolis on a slave ship and courthouse records of his ancestor's life judging on a plantation in Pennsylvania County, Virginia. While in Africa, Haley even conversed with griots, oral African historians, who had memorized the tales of the Mandingo tribe for generations back.

Two-thirds of *Roots* deals with the life of Kunta Kinte.

Through fictitious dialogues, Haley tells the story of Kunta, a proud adolescent member of the Mondinkan tribe and a firm believer in the Moslem doctrine. *Roots* follows Kunta's kidnapping by slavers in the 1760s, his awesome ship voyage and his problems in adapting to slavery. Among the "lost tribe" of Black Americans, Kunta loses his aspiration for freedom. Unable to prevent the sale of his beloved daughter Kizzy, he finds himself castrated within the white society.

The remaining chapters describe the joys, the sufferings and the accomplishments of Kunta's offspring.

Though the emotions and the conversations of Haley's characters are imagined, the historical incidents are shared by many Black Americans. Therefore, this romance tends to be not only interesting, but also educational. Furthermore, Haley's elementary diction makes *Roots* a book that could be enjoyed by both young and old alike.

News Brief

A recent graduate of the U.S. Department of Archives' Institute for Genealogical Research has created a family starter kit for people interested in delving into their own family's history. Phaedra Sundiata of Annapolis, Maryland, who originally put the kit together for Afro-Americans, found as a result of appearing on several television programs, that the response from European-

Americans (or white Americans) was as great as that from black Americans. Because of this turn of events, Sundiata developed a starter kit for European-Americans also.

Any Americans interested in tracing their family's history may receive some helpful hints by writing Sundiata at Eastport P.O. Box 3063, Annapolis, Md. 21403.

briary power." The students asked that you be removed from office "for the good of the state."

Woodard: Do you know what the background to that was?

Bullet: Yes, I do. In May 1973, the West Virginia legislature refused a regents bid to merge Bluefield State College and Concord College. The regents effected an administrative consolidation by naming one president to head both institutions and you took the brunt of the criticism. The Concord students protested your administrative consolidation.

Woodard: So, it had to do with the merge of two institutions with justification by the board of regents. You obviously expect some students not to like it when you're talking about merging two colleges. I don't think that any of that had anything to do with me on a personal basis at all. I also observed as a matter of interest that there was no such reaction from the Bluefield State students.

Bullet: Do you have a concluding statement concerning 1976-77 school year at Mary Washington?

Woodard: I think there are some very important things I would like to talk about in relation to this year at the College. One, we have a large enrollment larger than we've had in several years. I think this is indicative that the College's stu-

Campus Quotes

Is MWC 'Tired'?

Mary Chilton, junior: "It's heading that way, but not yet."

Ann West, sophomore: "I think it is tired if you limit your activities to the college. But, if you get involved with the surrounding activities of the community, you can make college life what you want it to be. It's all up to you."

Bonnie Fariss, senior: "I don't think it's a boring place, but that's a function of me. I have a definite thirst for knowledge and I have found adequate means for satisfying this drive. To me, if a person is bored at this place, it's his own fault."

Russell Dorm Resident, senior: "Yes. It's a stagnant atmosphere. It's a perverted atmosphere. You can just see it in the dining hall — masses of girls — that's weird."

Anonymous Male, sophomore: "No. Speaking professionally, as a matress tester, I've been bored. But, it's more exciting than having a frog in your pants. It's more exciting than Tuesdays, too."

"Ribble," junior: "No, it's not tired. It's just that if people want to party, they don't plan to stay here. They just go somewhere else."

Claudia Nicholson, junior: "You're asking me? I don't get bored that often. I have too much work to do."

Terry Ann Souza, freshman: "Weekends here can be fun if you're not here for the weekends."

Virginia Dorm Resident, sophomore: "No, I don't think so. I do think students do care about what's going on. I think it's quiet here, but not dead."

Charlotte Adams, senior: "It depends upon your priorities. I refuse to say more."

dent and faculty and others have conveyed a fine impression across the state I hope that we will be able to maintain a large enrollment throughout the year. I hope our attrition rate will drop substantially. I think it's unfortunate that we do not carry through to graduation a larger percentage of students who enroll here initially. Every college loses students. I mean, I want to do all there is to do to keep them here. I'll work on that. Second-

I, think we should get the machinery moving whereby we can come up with better physical entertainment space for the student body. Better recreational spaces will contribute substantially to that. I guess my greatest plead to you all is that you seek in every way to determine what may be wild rumor, rather than spreading it unintentionally, because this is an open administration.

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From The Bullet Features Staff

The Ritz

A theatrical farce that should have remained on the stage, "The Ritz" is a gay movie presented in a shallow, incoherent, not-so-gay manner. Under the direction of Richard Lester, the characters of this bedroom comedy are able to turn a fast-paced theatrical production involving infinite entrances, exits, and well-organized stage arrangements into a silly incongruous flick.

In this film, an Italian businessman (Jack Weston) hides out from the Mob in a bathhouse patronized by homosexuals. In order to protect his machismo, Weston runs frantically through this screenplay by Terrence McNally until he meets Googie Gomez (Rita Moreno) is a Puerto Rican entertainer heading for Forty-Second Street. However, Weston believes Moreno's a man. Indeed, everyone is confused in "The Ritz," particularly the audience.

Juniors Plan Ring Dance

By Peggy Melanson

On Wednesday, September 15, ACL was the sight of the first Junior Class meeting of the 1976-77 school year.

Nominations were taken from the class for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Approximately five people will be chosen based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, citizenship and future usefulness.

Also discussed was the Junior Ring Dance, to be held on March 26 from 9 p.m. until 1

Lifeguard
After his severe sunburn, Ron Koslow wrote the screenplay to "Lifeguard." Likewise, during an extreme case of heat exhaustion, Daniel Petrie directed the movie. Perhaps, that is why "Lifeguard" tends to be a rather dry flick.

"Lifeguard" deals with the aging of Rick (Sam Elliott), a 32-year-old jock. This is Rick's last year on the beach with the sand, the waves and the girls. Now, he begins to think about his values in life. Undeniably, two dollars a ticket is a lot to spend for a piece of anything Rick has to offer, particularly his mind.

Opportunity Knocks

Writers: You can win \$100, \$50 or \$25 for best short story, humorous essay or other short pieces between 250 and 100 words if you enter the Collegiate Creative Writing Contest. The deadline is November 5. For rules and official entry form, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to International Publications, 4747 Fountain Avenue, Suite C-1, Los Angeles California 90029.

a.m. in the Fredericksburg Sheraton-Hilton. As of this time neither the cost nor the band have been determined.

Rehearsal for the Ring Presentation will be on March 23 at 4 p.m. with the presentation on March 24 at 7 p.m. It will be followed by the Ring Dance on Saturday, March 26.

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Lights out. Curtain up. Jacques Houtmann exuberantly directed the Richmond Sinfonia last Thursday evening in GW Auditorium.

MWC Block Parties Rock With the Jocks

By Ruth Spivey

In cooperation with the Sociology and Psychology Departments, last week's Block Party was observed by Dr. Joseph C. Gluck, founder of the Yippie Rehabilitation Movement. The good doctor was doing a detailed study of college life, to be featured in his next book, *Where Have All the Nitwits Gone?*

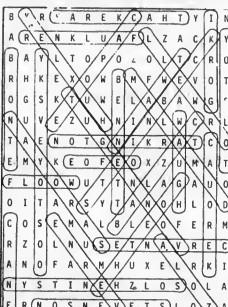
As a cub reporter I was assigned to cover the great Gluck, and record his observations for posterity. We set up observation on the steps of Virginia, and by 8:30 it was obvious no one was going to show up. The party and our Great Experiment were doomed to failure.

"I guess no one's gonna show," I sighed.

J.C. struggled manfully to light his pipe. "Nonsense, no one with an ounce of social grace would come before 9:00."

Meeting Notice

Students who are interested in visiting their secondary schools during mid-semester break, the Thanksgiving holidays, or the Christmas holidays are invited to attend a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 1976 in Lounge A of Lee Hall with members of the admissions staff. The meeting should last approximately forty-five minutes.



"Fascinating," he muttered. "Alcohol as the social pacifier... sex... increased bathroom usage... sex..."

A yellow Ryder truck pulled up and out spilled UVA frats, half-bashed and leering in anticipation.

J.C. was beside himself. "Look," he waved his pipe, "the ultimate in college partying. Catering service!" His pen was a blur in the night.

A big, burly blonde had plucked him and his ice chest on the stoop moments earlier, and now water was flowing down the steps.

"Ish dat MY bucket dats leaking?" His face fell and he blubbered, "Aw no, all gone. All gone. Shitfunny, didn't know it would leak." Cradling it in his arms he lamented, "No more. All gone. Guessh I might as well go to da baffroom. Where baffroom?" he pleaded.

"You'll have to go to ACL." He looked at me blankly.

"He's reverting to childhood," whispered Gluck. "Right now he's about three years old."

"You take me," grinned at the doctor.

"Indeed not!" "You take me," he insisted. "Never!"

"You take me!" he screamed, lunging at the doctor. The last I saw of them the blonde was striding towards the Ballroom with the doctor flung over his shoulders.

The Block Party turned out fine. I can only hope things turned out the same for Dr. Gluck.

*The Poet's Corner***A question of perception**

In the botanical garden
engraved plaques and
embossed braille translations
classified fauna.
The white-cane-tappers saw texture
better than the sighted saw color,
and heard a snowflake, like
a balled-up-pillow, crush death into
a foam flower;
The others watched a lilac leaf covet light
like
s h o d o w i n a c u r l e d t o n g u e

Martha Hodge

Belmont Offers Free Family Tour

BELMONT AWAITS MWC STUDENTS and their parents for weekend tour.

Student Opinion On MWC Beautification

by Helen Marie McFalls

I think that I shall never see a chain as pretty as a tree. Sentiments of this caliber can be heard all over MWC as returning students settle into their newly beautified campus. This summer, upperclassmen were welcomed back to school by President Prince Woodard, with letters calling for new sense of pride in the college's appearance. Some improvements mentioned includ-

ed new trees, full green grass and lamp posts lining College Avenue. The student opinions of these changes and more range from approval to strong objection.

The black and silver chain barriers that now enclose Ball Circle and line many of the sidewalks are controversial. The seniors, whose interest in Ball Circle centers around graduation, are a bit wary of hurdling the chains in caps and gowns. Said one senior, "How do they expect us to climb over those chains?" A sophomore commented on their effectiveness by saying, "They look nice but the chains are a pain to climb over." Another replied sarcastically, "The little reminders? I don't think they're doing any good because a lot of us don't pay any attention to them. And the grass protects the new trees most," replied, "What new trees?" One sophomore feels that all the No

Parking signs on the older trees along Campus Drive are a crime, especially since the administration just requested that the students limit their notices to the bulletin boards.

Basically, the MWC student population is anxious to improve their surroundings. It is the channel chosen to introduce these changes that is debatable. In the end, beauty must truly be in the eyes of the beholder.

*Miss Virginia Search Begins*

The search has begun to find Miss Virginia-USA, the young lady who will represent the Old Dominion in the 1977 Miss USA Beauty Pageant to be held May 5-16. Norfolk's Holiday Inn Scope will host the Miss Virginia-USA Pageant the weekend of February 19-20.

To qualify, the applicants must be single and never married. They must be between the ages of 18 and 26. Applicants must live, work or attend school anywhere in Virginia. They must also be U.S. citizens and they cannot be mothers.

Judging is based on beauty of face and figure, poise, personality, grooming, intelligence, speaking ability, commercial appeal and leadership. There is no talent competition.

Free entry information is available to applicants who send their name, address, age and telephone number to: Miss Virginia-USA Pageant; 1220 East-West Highway; Suite 101; Silver Spring, Md. 20910. The deadline for all applications is October 31.

OKTOBERFEST FAMILY WEEKEND 1976**Friday, October 1**

- 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. — Registration - G.W. Hall
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. — Dinner - Seacobeck
- 8:00 p.m. — Choral Presentation, G.W. Auditorium
- 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Dorm Open House

Saturday, October 2

- 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon — Registration
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. — Breakfast - Seacobeck
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Open House, Trinkle Library
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. — Free Continental Breakfast, ACL Patio
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. — Open House, George Washington Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. — President: Questions and Answers
- 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon — Goolrick Open House
- 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon — Free Belmont Tour
- 10 a.m. - 12:00 noon — Dupont-Melchers-Poillard, Open House
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. — Free Picnic Lunch, Hockey Field
- 1:00 p.m. — M.W.C. vs. Bridgewater, Hockey Game
- 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Children's Movies, George Washington Hall
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Panel Discussion: Presidential Elections, ACL Ballroom
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Chandler Open House
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Monroe Open House
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Combs Open House
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. — Tea at Brompton
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. — German Dinner, Seacobeck
- 8:00 p.m. Movie: — "Cat Ballou", Klein Theater
- 8:30 p.m. — Talent Show, George Washington Hall

Sunday, October 3

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. — Breakfast-Seacobeck
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast, Baptist Student Union
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Lunch-Seacobeck
- 1:30 p.m. — Hoofprints Club Riding Show, Ball Circle
- 2:00 p.m. — Tour of Fredericksburg, Alumni Association, First 37 to Sign Up
- 2:00 p.m. — Walking Tour of Fredericksburg.



The Political Arena

Party Regulars, Voters Pull Political Elections

By Stephen Carter Jackson

There are two variables that are affecting the outcome of the election. The Reagan and the front problems are beginning to visibly take form. This is a result of disenchantment by party regulars on both sides. The effect is as damaging to Carter as to Ford.

On the Republican side, the diehard Reagan forces, defeated in Kansas City, hold many important party position, especially in the key western states. On the Democratic side, Jimmy Carter is hardly considered a party regular. On both sides, as a result, the machinery of both parties is not responding to capability. There are exceptions to this, most notably is Ronald Reagan himself. He is fully attacking the Democratic Party as expected. His thirty minute special on prime time TV the Sunday before the first debate was brilliant and effective for

his party. He probably is the most effective Republican campaigner. The Democrats such as Humphrey and Brown have started also. These are leaders and their help is indispensable but they are not the ones who knock on doors, organize, deploy workers or donate time and effort to reach every voter. The people who win or lose campaigns are the ones you rarely hear about. They are the regulars of the respected party. They could be delegates to the convention or simply ladies who make phone calls for their parties every election. Combined together, from every district across our land they form the energy that either elects or defeats a candidate.

In 1964 when Goldwater was the Republican nominee and in 1972 when McGovern was the Democratic nominee, the party presented only front campaigns to promote their can-

didates. Although the results would have been the same, the devastating defeats could have been lessened if an honest effort had been made. It should

be noted however, that the reasons were understandable. A candidate of the extreme will wreck havoc on moderate local and state parties. As a result the regulars prefer to limit their activities in order to at least maintain their party's influence. The problem is how to do it without causing more internal problems. The extremes form such organizations as Governor Connally's "Democrats for Nixon" not unlike some of the "Republicans for Johnson" in

1964. This generated much intra-party bitterness that affected the off-year elections that followed. As a result another method is utilized. It is very simple. Tell everybody you support the candidate but do nothing except ceremonial duties. This way you won't be criticized for doing nothing. This is understandable in some elections. 1976 is not one of these years.

If the Republicans lose the Presidency, they could be out of power for eight to sixteen years. With a heavy Democratic Congress they would be reduced to being a "me too" minority party in support of Democratic legislation or an ineffective group that would be reduced to negative attacks. Either way would be a

mis-representation of the ideals and principles of the Republican Party. The policy of negativism would be unattractive in maintaining the appeal of the party among the voters. In 1964, President Johnson said, "I like small parties and after this election the Republican Party will be just about the right size." The history that evolved after the 1964 Democratic landslide

devastated the dream of sixteen years of Democratic White House control, but just barely. Nixon's 1968 victory was very close and lucky if one considers that the Democrats had both Vietnam and the Chicago Convention traumas to overcome. Nixon's 1972 landslide victory was not fully shared at the state and local levels as was Johnson's in 1964. The election of 1974 brought ruin to the Republicans as the effects of Agnew's and Nixon's resignations, Watergate crimes and confessions and Ford's untimely pardon could not be overcome. In 1976, the Republicans have decided all of this was ancient history and should be all forgotten. What they failed to do at the convention was face responsibility as a party and propose a new direction in claiming a right to lead the nation again.

The Democrats reacted in a strange way. Instead of choosing a party regular to lead them back to victory they chose a man from the outside. Carter is a Democrat who is running for President and not the Democratic Party's candidate. There is a difference. The local and state party officials are both fearful and hesitant that Carter will discredit the party. Unforgivingly, there is another reason. They do not owe him any favors nor are they assured that their favors will be properly repaid. Forget all of the problems the nation faces. Vested interests come first. How to handle the problem? Simple. Politics is so simple, it's fun. Just pay lip-service to Carter. Form a front campaign, give a few speeches and attend various ceremonies. The results? Good question.

If the Democrats cannot win after eight years of scandal then it would take Isaac Asimov to imagine a better time in the future. Carter is slipping. It is estimated that ten million less voters will go to the polls than in 1972. Forget new registration, forget that 1972 was a record low turnout and forget that only one out of four possible voters will decide the next president. A nation that will not participate in her own affairs is a nation of the past. Whoever wins this year, there are two good choices, we will continue in good hands. We are a great nation, compassionate, wise, and traditionally determined to the betterment of all. Our work has neither begun nor ended. It merely continues from generation to generation.

The election is closer than it seems. Get involved and get your candidate elected.

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Night At the Opera

by Linda Reynolds

The opera is not dead. It is alive and well, being performed by La Scala Opera Company in Washington, D.C. The opera troupe is from the renowned Teatro alla Scala in Milan, Italy, a center for European talent.

Soon to be celebrating their two-hundredth anniversary, Teatro alla Scala is now at the Kennedy Center for special bicentennial visit. Although last spring the tour was forced to cancel due to financial problems, the troupe finally raised \$2,000,000 and arrived at Dulles Airport on Wednesday, September 1 for their first appearance in the United States. Their performances will be held in Washington, Philadelphia and New York. In the nation's capital, they will be performing four famous

operas: *La Boheme* by Puccini; *Macbeth* by Verdi; *Simon Boccanegra*, also by Verdi and *La Cenerentola* by Rossini.

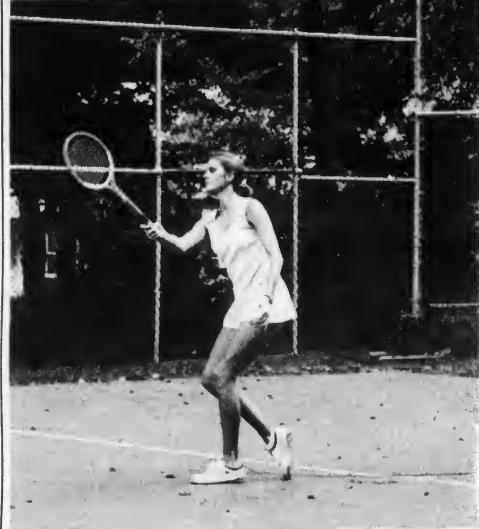
I have recently had the pleasure of seeing *La Cenerentola*. This is the story of Cinderella with a few good changes by Rossini. I was truly amazed by the harmonious blending of voices and instruments to create this musical fairy tale. The performers were extremely expressive with their movements and voices. However, I would recommend reading the libretto before going to this opera.

So, as I settled into the chair with my long skirts and opera glasses, watching, listening, feeling . . . I found myself in nineteenth century Milano, Italy. There I discovered a beautiful art form. Viva L'Opera! Viva La Scala!

Tennis, Anyone?

Wednesday, Sept. 29 Catholic University
 Friday, Oct. 1 Longwood
 Wednesday, Oct. 6 William & Mary
 Wednesday, Oct. 20 American University
 Friday, Oct. 22 Randolph-Macon
 Saturday, Oct. 23 So. Seminary
 Monday, Oct. 25 Randolph Macon-Ashland
 Wednesday, Oct. 27 Westhampton
 Monday, April 4 St. Mary's
 Wednesday, April 6 VCU
 Monday, April 11 Catholic University
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-photo by Bill Leighty

Tennis pro prepares for the season.



Members of this year's hockey team include Anne Roulet, Betsy Moser, Teddi Cassel, Sallie Smith, Mary Anne Kennedy, Joanna Markusen, Betsy Bowen, Janet De la Concepcion.

Meeting

Notes

Attention all new students! This Thursday September 30, from 6-7 p.m. all new students are required to attend Level II, Honor Counseling. All residential students will be contacted by their Honor Counselors about the meeting place. All residential students will meet in the Day Student Lounge. Any questions, please contact Beth Craig, extension 520 or their Honor Counselor.



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